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Next session will be held with the Friendship Baptist church, Monroe, N. C., beginning on Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in Oct., 1930. Rev B F McManus to preach the introductory sermon. Rev W M Allen alternate.

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On Obituary--J C Ellerbee, A B Moore, J H Spencer.

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Horne, E. H., Route 6 ---------- Marshville, N. C.
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Tanner, R. S., Route 3 ---------- Wadesboro, N. C.
Tillman, D. A. ---------- Southern Pines, N. C.
Tillman, H. D. ---------- Southern Pines, N. C.
Little, W. H., Route 1 ---------- Polkton, N. C.
Ratliff, J. T., Route 3 ---------- Wadesboro, N. C.
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Bennett, S. S. ---------- Wadesboro, N. C.
Briley, W. P. ---------- Polkton, N. C.
Cox, L. R., ---------- Ellerbee, N. C.
McManus, B. F. ---------- Cheraw, S. C.

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Huntley, Thomas ---------- Lynchburg, Va.

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Brooks, T. W. Route 1 ---------- Marshville, N. C.
Bennett, W. B., Route 1 ---------- McFarlan, N. C.
Burch, W. R., Route 2 ---------- Peachland, N. C.
Crowder, Green, Route 1 ---------- Polkton, N. C.
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Diggs, Willie ---------- Lilesville, N. C.
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Gaddy, E. J. ---------- Wadesboro, N. C.
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Little, H. L. ---------- Rock Hill, S. C.
Medlin, H. ---------- Peachland, N. C.
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Redfearn, W. M., Route 6 ---------- Marshville, N. C.
Byrd, G. W. ---------- Raleigh, N. C.
Ratliff, S. G., Route 1 ---------- Morven, N. C.
Redfearn, N. H., Route 1 ---------- Marshville, N. C.
Sturdivant, S. S. ---------- Polkton, N. C.
Spencer, J. H., Route 2 ---------- Chesterfield, S. C.
Smith, J. ---------- Laurinburg, N. C.
Sturdivant, H. B., Route 1 ---------- Morven, N. C.
Staton, B. F. ---------- Polkton, N. C.
Thomas, W. T. ---------- Monroe, N. C.
Wall, S. D., Route 1 ---------- Morven, N. C.
Waddell, C. H., Route 2 ---------- Morven, N. C.
Wall, E. B. Route 1 ---------- Pee Dee, N. C.
Winfield, Fairly, ---------- Peachland, N. C.
Huntley, N. H. ---------- Pee Dee, N. C.
Medley, E. D., Route 1 ---------- Wadesboro, N. C.
Jackson, W. S., Route 3 ---------- Wadesboro, N. C.
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Jackson, Joshua, Route 2 ---------- Morven, N. C.
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Bethel _____ _____ _____ _____
Brown Creek--C. R. Smith, Route 1, box 54, Polkton, N. C.
Cedar Creek--J. P. Phillips, Route 3, Wadesboro, N. C.
Chambers Grove-Frank Chambers, Jr. Route 1, Marshville, N. C.
Cool Spring--Miss Elizabeth Smith, Route 1, Morven, N. C.
Deep Creek--J. P. Huntley, Route 2, Peachland, N. C.
Ebenezer--G. W. Crowder, box 123, Wadesboro, N. C.
Elizabeth M.--J. Q. Robinson, Monroe, N. C.
Elizabeth P. D.--W. L. Robinson, Pee Dee, N. C.
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Flint Ridge W.--Mrs. Maggie Clyburn, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.
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Gallilee--J. W. Watts, Oakboro, N. C.
Green Hill--Roy Sturdivant, Route 3, Wadesboro, N. C.
Long Pine--S. A. Covington, Route 1, Ruby, S. C.
Madison Grove--S. L. Leak, Route 3, box 53, Wadesboro, N. C.
Meltonsville--S. O. Chambers, Route 1, box 34, Marshville, N. C.
McLain Grove--David Ratliff, Route 1, McFarlan, N. C.
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New Grove--Pleas Sturdivant, Route 1, box 5, Peachland, N. C.
Nicy Grove--S. M. Ashcraft, Route 3, Monroe, N. C.
Chilson Grove--Mrs. Sallie Diggs, Lilesville, N. C.
Olive Branch--Mrs. Ethel Hubbard, Route 4, Marshville, N. C.
Pleasant Hill--Moses Liles, Route 1, Morven, N. C.
Poplar Hill--T. J. Tillman, Route 2, Peachland, N. C.
Parsons Grove--A. D. Byrd, box 1, Lilesville, N. C.
Poplar Spring--W. E. Davis, Route 2, Polkton, N. C.
Ramah Grove--W. M. Little, Route 1, box 107, Morven, N. C.
Rockford E.--Sandy Clinton, Route 1, Lilesville, N. C.
Rockford W.--W. M. Dean, Route 1, Polkton, N. C.
Rock Spring--Robert Hanna, Ruby, S. C.
Sandy Ridge--M. P. Waring, Route 2 Morven, N. C.
Saron--R. B. McCoy, Polkton, N. C.
Shankle Grove--A. D. Davis, Norwood, N. C.
Timmonsville--R. T. Burch, Route 1, Ruby, S. C.
White Oak--L. H. Diggs, Route 1, Morven, N. C.
Bennett Grove--George McNair, Route 1, Wadesboro, N. C.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Bethel__ ____ ______ _____ _____ _____ _____
Brown Creek—Richmond Sturdivant, Edgar Sturdivant, William Staton.
Cedar Creek__Thomas Little
Chambers Grove__T. C. Chambers, Rev. J. L. Chambers
Chilson Grove__H. D. Diggs
Cool Spring__C. H. Waddell
Deep Creek__L. C. Phillips, F. F. Dargan
Ebenezer__G. W. Crowder, M. P. McGregor
Elizabeth M.__J. Q. Robinson, R. W. Perry.
Elizabeth P. D.__G. W. Diggs.
Flat Rock__C. H. Lilly, S. H. Waddell.
Fletchers Grove__C. W. Wade, Will Adams.
Flint Ridge__O. L. Tanner, G. W. White.
Flint Ridge W.__Rev. L. V. Gaddy.
Friendship__Arthur Carlock, B. A. Watts, Horace Levister
Gallilee__P. A. Davis, Brack Thomas.
Green Hill__J. C. Rorie, W. F. Ratliff.
Long Pine__H. F. Davidson, S. A. Covington, W. A. Kersey
Madison Grove__J. C. Cason, J. F. Baucum, Sandy Smith.
Meltonsville__R. H. Huntley, J. R. Redfearn
McLain Grove__J. F. Redfearn, John Bowman, J. H. Spencer.
Mt. Zion__S. M. Hubbard, Frank Sturdivant
Mt. Moriah__J. D. Rivers.
New Zion__C. C. Horne, C. M. Marsh.
New Grove__Wash McLendon, Pleas Sturdivant.
Nicy Grove__J. C. McCullors, E. D. Bivens.
Olive Branch__W. F. Hubbard, Thomas S. Parker.
Pleasant Hill__W. C. Sturdivant.
Poplar Hill__G. W. Crowder, A. D. Gaddy.
Poplar Spring__W. E. Davis, W. H. Parker.
Parsons Grove__J. A. Bennett, G. R. West, A. D. Byrd.
Ramah Grove__W. M. Ratliff, W. M. Melton.
Rockford E.__S. M. Marshall, S. M.Chambers.
Rockford W.__W. M. Dean, Calvin Sullivan.
Rock Spring__Dock Streater, Tom Little.
Sandy Ridge__M. P. Waring, J. D. McCoy, R. F. Crawford.
Saron__R. B. McCoy, G. B. Bardner.
Shankle Grove__W. M. Allen, Rev. C. W. Marshall.
Timmonsville__R. E. Harrell, J. H. Ratliff.
White Oak__L. H. Diggs, D. M. Coleman.
Bennett Grove__James McClarien.

PROCEEDINGS

Route 1, Wadesboro, N. C., Oct. 16, 1929

Pursuant to the adjournment of the previous session, held with the Ebenezer Baptist church, on Salisbury St., Wadesboro, N. C., the Zion Missionary Baptist Association met in its 57th annual session, with the Brown Creek Baptist church today. Rev J A Little, pastor, Rev J W Diggs, Moderator, presiding. Promptly at 11:10 a. m., the moderator called the house to order, and requested Rev T C Dunlap to conduct the praise services. Hymn No. 214 was sung. Prayer by Rev B F McManus. 2nd hymn No. 131, "O for a closer walk with God," etc. Prayer by brother W M Allen. Praise services closed.

Time having arrived for the introductory sermon, Rev J C Ellerbee, accompanied by Revs W H Horne, H I Quick and B J Sturdivant, took seats in the rostrum.

Rev Horne lined hymn No. 553. Rev H I Quick read the Scriptures from Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians 13 chap. Prayer was offered by Rev B J Sturdivant. 2nd hymn No. 594. The moderator presented the speaker, in the person of Rev J C Ellerbee, to preach the opening sermon, who announced as a text for the occasion 1st Corinthians 13:13, "Now abideth faith, hope and charity; but the greatest of these is charity. Subject: Love.

The preacher said in part. We may be successful in securing an education, which is very desirable; getting this world's goods, very essential; prophecy, gifts of tongue, but if we have not the love of God in our hearts to motorvate the working of the Holy Spirit, we are nothing, and all our work is vain. Zion Association brethren must have love for one another and for the cause of Christ.

The sermon was delivered with much interest. One verse of "In evil long I took delight" was sung. Prayer by Rev W G Flake. Bro C C Horne lifted the collection, am't. $11.25. The session adjourned with benediction by Rev J C Ellerbee.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2:15 the Association was called to order, Rev B J Sturdivant conducted the devotional as follows: Hymn was sung. Prayer by Rev J L Lynch. The vice-modera-

tor presiding, announced the house open and in order for business. Enrolling churches and delegates. See roll.

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone," etc., was sung. After which, the moderator presiding, presented. Rev J W Diggs, to deliver his annual address. The address was timely, thoughtful and full of information. After a few remarks on the address by Rev L W Wertz, a motion prevailed to refer it to a committee on moderator's address, viz: Revs H I Quick, B B Sturdivant, W H Horne, B F McManus, J A Little, Bros S M Marshall and L C Phillips.

The Cor. Sec. made his report. The report was adopted. See elsewhere for report.

The following brethren were appointed committee to consider and report its finding on the proposed Constitution of the Baptist State Convention, viz: W H Horne, J T Ratliff, J F Davis, G W Baucum, B F McManus, J A Little, C C Horne. B A Watts, L C Phillips, W H Parker, B B Sturdivant, H I Quick, L W Wertz.

The committee on revision of the Constitution of Zion Association submitted its report. Motion prevailed to accept the report and make the adoption of the same a special order for Friday morning.

An invitation was extended to visitors, and the following were recognized: Revs P C Covington, L W Wertz, E D Womack, A D Boatman and J T Williams of the Pee Dee Association, and Rev J W I Tunstell of the A M E Z church.

Revs Covington and Tunstell made remarks. "Together let us sweetly live," etc., was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev W H Horne.

NIGHT SESSION

Praise services conducted by Revs B J Sturdivant, Jas Horne and J H Spencer. After the praise services, the moderator announced that the local program will be taken up.

Miss Lucy Broadaway was mistress of ceremony and the program followed.

Welcome address on part of the church, by C R Smith. On part of the Women's Circle, by Mrs Catherine Crowder. On the part of the ministry by Rev J A Little.

The addresses revealed the fact that extensive preparations had been made for our entertainment, and we were assured of a pleasant session.

Prof. C C Horne on behalf of 5,600 members of Zion Association accepted the welcome extended. In his response he referred to the incident when the word welcome was first spoken on the American continent, After leaving Wadesboro a year ago he said toiling amidst storms and shipwrecks, we weary toilers, were glad to hear that word which would give us an opportunity to rest.

Rev B F McManus, accompanied by Rev C W Marshall took a seat in stand to preach a sermon. Rev Marshall lined hymn "Come holy spirit heavenly dove,"

Rev McManus arose announced as a text Prov. 3:3, "Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace." In his discourse he endeavored to electrify his hearers with the message. He closed by singing "Drink the living water which Jesus has," etc. Prayer by Rev Marshall. Rev J C Ellerbee lifted the collection. Am't $11.05. Benediction by Rev James Horne.

SECOND DAY---MORNING SESSION

The Association assembled at 9:50 a. m., Rev Diggs, Moderator, presiding. Devotional services were conducted by Rev B J Sturdivant and Bro W A Kersey, as follows: Hymn No. 197, "Oh for a heart to praise my God," etc. Prayer by Bro J C Rorie. Second hymn No. 138. Prayer by Bro J C Cason.

The Moderator came forward; made some remarks, setting forth the work for the day, exhorting us to patience, forbearing and Godliness, and announced the house open and ready for business.

On motion the minutes of yesterday and last night were read and approved.

By the ruling of the moderator, the matter of adopting the committee's report on Constitution be taken up now instead of to-morrow as was decided yesterday.

The clerk re-read the report. All went well until we got to the 11th article. After much discussion and explanation, the report was adopted by a vote of 72 to 21. By motion of Bro G W Baucum the adoption was made unanimous. By motion the time be extended 30 minutes to listen to the delegate to the Lot Cary Convention. Rev Davis made the report, and in pleading with the delegates to stand by the cause of missions, the Holy Spirit came

and bare witness to the message. Blessed Jesus guide me, etc., was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Rev J F Davis.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled. Praise service conducted by Rev B J Sturdivant and Bro W S Jackson. Music Prayer by Bro W M Williams. 2nd hymn, "I love thy kingdom Lord," etc. Prayer by Bro S A. Rhodes. The house was announced open and ready for business.

The committee to consider the proposed Constitution of the Baptist State Convention made the following report. "We recommend that we send a messenger to the Convention at Charlotte, N. C., to sit in council with the committee on Constitution. Respectfully submitted,

Your committee, W H Horne, Chairman.

On motion the report was received, and the following brethren were elected delegates, Revs J W Diggs, J F Davis, J T Ratliff and Bros L C Phillips and A L Leak.

Rev L W Wertz came forward and entertained us with an interesting address on the subject, "Wise as a serpent." This discourse was very interesting, and was enjoyed by all. He emphasized economy and thrift, saving among our group.

Mrs T C Beam, colored, supervisor for Anson County, was introduced, and made remarks. She also asked that a donation be made to the general teacher's fund in Africa, A collection of $3.29 was lifted and turned over to her.

The Women Convention made its report through Mrs A C Robinson its president, as follows---amount given State Convention $30.00; Lot Cary Convention $10.00, Womens Convention $25.00; Zion Association $30.00.

Total paid to the mission causes $95.00. Benediction by Rev P. P. Pegues.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association re-assembled, moderator presiding Praise services conducted by Rev A D Boatman, and Bro G W White as follows: 'I love thy kingdom Lord,' etc. Prayer by Bro W A Kersey, Second hymn 239. Prayer by Rev C W Marshall.

A spiritual was sung. Prayer by E Marsh. The

moderator announced the house open and in order for business.

Bro A L Leak discussed the subject, "Why should the Association help weak churches."

He said in part, that every small group of our people set up as a church was not necessarily a weak church. When conditions waranted it, and there was necessarily a weak church, then it is the duty of the Association to help such group. The Bible commands it Stengthened the cords that be.

In the place of Rev E H Martin who was to preach an obituary sermon, Rev J T Williams was asked to officiate.

Rev J R Faison lined hymn No. 132. Rev L R Cox read the Scripture from 1st Peter 1 chap. After which the moderator introduced the speaker. Rev Williams arose and annonnced as a text "And beside this giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue and to virtue knowledge," etc. 2 Peter 1:5-8. Subject, "Build a strong christian character."

The sermon was thoughtfully prepared, intelligently presented and inspiring to all who listened to it. The Holy Spirit was with us, and we rejoiced because of wonderful blessings of the Lord.

Rev Cox closed by singing "I will trust in Lord til I die," etc Prayer by Rev James Horne.

Bro C C Horne lifted a collection amounting to $17.00.

Committees on obituary and new bodies were announced. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" was sung. Benediction by Rev J R Faison.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association assembled, the moderator presiding. Devotional services were conducted by Rev B J Sturdivant and Bro J H Spencer. Hymn No. 239, "Must Jesus bear the cross alone," etc. Prayer by brother S H Waddell. 2nd hymn No. 178, "Come ye that love the Lord," etc. Prayer by brother C H Waddell. A spiritual was sung. Prayer by brother James Bennett.

The moderator made some remarks and announced the house open and in order for such business as may lawfully come before us. On motion the minutes of yesterday and last night were read and approved.

The ordaining board, the committee on officers and the treasurer made their reports respectively. On motion their several reports were adopted. See elsewhere for their reports.

On motion, be it it the order of this Association hereafter, that the letters from the different churches to the Association be read.

The committees on temperance, moderator's address and on missions reported. The reports were adopted. See appendix for reports.

On motion Rev Davis be allowed to write the committees' report on resolutions and send the same to the secretary to be published in the minutes. This privilege is to be granted only once.

An invitation was extended to visitors. Dr W W Blair, presiding Elder of the Wadesboro District A. M. Z. church, Rev L R Williams of the same church and Rev S S Thomas of the Pee Dee Association, all came forward and were made welcome. All made remarks.

Dr B J Brawly, Raleigh, N. C., was presented as the representation of Prof. W C Craver. He came forward and in a strong speech laid the claims of Shaw before our people. He also solicited pledges for the Shaw campaign.

The session adjourned with the benediction by Rev J T Williams.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the moderator. He requested brothers J Q Robinson and Malon Phillips to conduct the praise services. After singing one number, prayer was offered by brother Andrew Redfearn.

The committees on new bodies, on place and on obituary made their reports. Their reports were adopted. See Appendix for their report- Rev Prof W H Knuckle of Lumberton, N. C., was presented. He brought greetings

from the Lumber River Association. Also he solicited aid and support of Thompson Institute of which he is President. On motion the next Union meeting be held with the Nicy Grove church, Wingate, N. C., beginning on Friday before the 5th Sunday in Dec. 1929. Rev W H Horne to preach the introductory sermon. Rev L R Cox, alternate.

On motion we turn a vote of thanks by rising, to the church, pastor, and all friends who contributed in any way to make our sojourn pleasant and the Association a success.

The finance committee made report. See elsewhere for report. Report adopted. On motion adjourned, which made the 57th session a history. Benediction by Rev J F Davis.

REV. J. W. DIGGS, Moderator
Bro. A. L. LEAK, Clerk.

APPENDIX

MODERATOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Dear Brethren, Ministers and Co-Workers—

During the past 2 years of the occupancy of the high office of moderator of this our beloved old Association, I have never felt more keenly the responsibility which this office involves than I do at this session. Circumstances and vicissitudes, both good and ill, have marked the labors of the year now closing and bring sensibly to my rememberance the famous statement "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown." Experiences have taught me that as the work expands, my problems and difficulties multiply. However, two great facts has kept away discouragement, faith in God and the consciousness that I have the hearty co-operation of each delegate and pastor that make up this Association and the loyal support of the brethren who are working for their Master in kingdom building.

We therefore, come before you today happy and hopeful, happy, because our Master has led by day and by night by a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire. Hopeful because of the increasing enthusiasm and the gracious

sacrifice you are making. I greet you comrades, in the name of the Lord, and stand ready to pledge a new my life with yours to carry on the work so well begun by our fathers, by the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is useless to state that we are a distinct denomination, preaching "One Lord, one faith, and one baptism," and we are determined that nothing shall move us to change this course. Our supreme work and mission is to magnify the Christ and his last great command "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." This is the biggest object before the ministry and the christian workers. Preach Jesus. We solicit the hearty co-operation of any and all regular ordained Baptist ministers in the prosecution of the work of the Master, to join us in the evangelizing the world for God and Christ. This Association was organized by the founders in the spirit of co-operation. In my last message to you a year ago, I pleaded with you, and urged that all auxiliaries co-operate, and in the constructing of our constitution we should insert this word "Co-operation." We hate no class of Baptist brethren regardless from whence they come. We love all and are praying that some day we will be one in the promotion of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, and the world shall be our field and not associational lines. Brethren, we cripple the cause when we wrangle, dispute, devour, and for personal greed split churches and scatter the youth of the churches by our selfish ambition for fame, and neglect the great duties as leaders, when we fail to let the people say whom they desire for their shepherd. No church can prosper without a pastor, and no pastor can succeed without the co-operation of every member in his parish.

We must some how cease contention, if we hope to permenent service in the world for good, We are filled with amazement to know that some ministers and laymen are objecting to our co-operation with the other Associations, and Baptist ministers in particular, who were not born among us, and because they do not bear associational "trade marks" on their backs, the doors of our churches are in a large number closed against them. Our doors should stand open to any regular ordained Baptist minis-

ter who is in good standing in the Association of which he is a member, and in good and regular standing in the church to which he belongs. If his life is clean and his character is not questionable, and he being a man of upright integrity, our doors should stand open to receive them, and we should heartily invite them to come in and help spread the kingdom of Jesus Christ. Let us not unite on men, brethren, but on Jesus Christ. But let it be understood that we are not clamoring for whiskey heads, and men of immoral lives to come. Every door should be closed against them until they are converted. It is sad to say, it seems that some leaders and churches are not satisfied with clean men; they will not rest until they get one of the later type.

Financial Needs--Brethren, we can not run our Association without some money, and this money will have to come from the churches, the Sunday Schools and other auxiliaries in the bounds of the Associational field. We must realize more fully the moral obligation that we owe to foreign missions, Shaw University and girls education. In our budget for the year now closing, we pledged to make this the banner year of the Association. Brethren we have not come up to our pledge. We pledged to raise $750, set this as our goal. We have raised and donated the following from the various bodies. From the Association $221.25 from the Joint Meeting $22.00, from the Sunday School Convention $219.46, and from the women's work $51.00 total raised and donated for the various objects as designated by the Association $513.71. You can readily see from the above figures, we have not come up to our pledge. We have fallen short of the goal $226.29. This ought not to be. We should have reached the mark. We should not let little petty misunderstandings cause us to lag in the discharge of our duty to the work.

We must support the cause of missions, or we should cease to call ourselves Missionary Baptist. The very name in itself means to go, send or carry the message of peace to those in benighted lands, both at home and in the foreign fields. The missionaries on the foreign fields must be cared for as well as those who are on the home field. Shall we not do our part in this big program for the Mas-

ter. There is enough money spent in illicited whiskies, gas and oil for big times by church members to pay the salary of several fields work. If we will succeed as a race, we will have to cease the desecration of the Sabbath and slothfulness on the part of a large number of the church members and pay God His just dues. Our young men who are planning to enter the ministry should be encouraged by an annual donation from this Association each year, that they might better equip themselves from a literary point. The age as you know are asking for a prepared ministry, and unless they are prepared for the work they will not succeed. It is impossible for them to keep abreast with the age unless they are prepared for the job. You will agree with me when I say they can not make it now as they used to, with a mourn, and jump; they can't sing it out for when the noise is over, the people is still looking for some food for thought, so you can see we need money for this cause if no other. The young women of our race need to be prepared to do religious work among the people at home and abroad. We should prepare them work in their home church and community. The State is doing great things for our race, but brethren, they are not teaching them the great duty they owe to God and their fellowman. This must be taught by consecrated men and women in denominational schools. As we elevate the pew we must elevate the pulpit. So let us help the young men who are entering the ministry until they tell they can make it. They may open their mouth, and think God will fill it for them. Yes, he will, but it will be air. Young men prepare for the task that is before you, if you desire to enter ministry.

Visits--Brethren, I have visted the Sunday School Convention at Poplar Springs. At this session I found at its head the Rev J T Ratliff. As you know this was the first session of the Convention presided over by him. You will co-inside with me when I say, there was no mistake made by the delegates and pastor in placing this honor upon him. I observed that his manner was in keeping with modern methods of doing Sunday School work. I am asking each pastor and Supt. to co-operate with him, and if we do, he will make this one of the best Conventions in the State.

The womens meeting was marvelous. When I arrived I

found the atmosphere filled with the spirit of love and hospitality. I found at the head of this meeting our beloved sister, Annie Robinson with an efficient group of officers and a band of zealous working women, busy working for the Master. I never was more surprised in all my life to see the work that was being done by those good women. We cannot keep the church alive without them, and each pastor should give them their loyal support at all times; speak encouragement of the work they are doing at home and in the State and foreign fields.

Brother ministers and christian workers, an irresistible compulsion, generated by God's Spirit, command us to move up. We are not only called upon to give the gospel to the heathen whose faith clings to some false god of wood or stone. We are demanded to help those at our door. The crime wave was never as it is now. Our young men and young women in a large measure have turned their backs on the church and God, and gone wild after the pleasure of this world, the dance, the car rides, rum bottle, and other evils that is damning their souls and destroy their lives. The alarming question is, will the christian church be able to stop this wave of crime retrograding & bring them to the fold of Christ? We cannot divide. We must unite in the home, the church, Sunday School and all religious auxiliaries. I therefore plead with you for unity of purpose in the Association, for therein lies the victory. We must stand together, and not let the banner of Jesus Christ trail in the dust.

Beloved pastor, you have been chosen, we trust by the Almighty, to preach. You are charged with a grave responsibilty to preach the everlasting gospel in all the world. Pastors you hold the key to the success of this Association and to bring the world to God, and should you evade your duty to God, you are not worthy to wear the badge of a preacher. It might be some of you would do more, but you are waiting until some seemingly wrong as you think is rectified. If you will wait until every thing gets as you or I would like for it to be, we will never do anything for Christ, for when we came here we found something in the world wrong, and when we depart for the beyond, there will

still be someting wrong. So let none of us complain but let each do his duty,and look to the Lord for reward. I desire to make the following recommendations :

1. That we continue our support to the Baptist State Convention, Shaw University, and all our National Bodies, and represent as far as possible in them each year individually, Churches, Sunday Schools, Women Auxiliaries.

2. That all monies collected by the various bodies be reported to the Association annually that we might ascertain the exact amount that is raised and paid out.

3. That we continue our budget plan, and the Association adopt a system of 5c. extra per member annually for ministerial and girl's education.

4. That each minister and deacon join the Annuity Society and that the ministers confine their labors to two churches, in order that they might be able to do more efficient work among their members, and to encourage the work in the various auxiliaries of their churches.

Respectfully submitted, J. F. DAVIS

Cor. Sec'y Report 1929

Bro. Moderator, Officers and members of Z. M. Bapt. Ass'n. We have had years of plenty, but times have changed however, and onimous clouds hover on the edge of our financial horizon. Farm products have decreased in quantity, business men are extremely careful as to the manner and nature of their investments, and entrenchment seems to be the slogan of the monied interest of the country. All lines of business have been affected, and we find it practically impossible to meet our obligations which we in perfectly good faith had assumed. Under these trying ordeals the weary gleaners of Zion field have presented ourselves in this great Convention answered to the roll, and stand ready to take up the marching orders of our beloved moderator. We are grateful to learn of the religious

fervor among our people during this year. Many have been added to the church.

The Executive Committee met at Wadesboro Oct. 28th, 1928; fixed the Treas. bond and made a loan of $500.00 to Elizabeth church, (Monroe) which loan is to be paid back in two yearly payments $250.00 each.

Ramah Grove, Fletcher's Grove, etc. Sending money by letter to the various Union Meetings, are credited in the Union meeting report.

The Executive Committee met to advise means for the working of the Association, arrange program, etc. Aug. 3rd, 1929.

Recommendations—

I. That the pastors stress the need of thrift and economy among our people.

II. That true service to God is serving our fellowman.

III. That the young ministers be encouraged to spend some time in the studying of theology, so they can better acquaint themselves with the existence, nature and character of God.

IV. That missions should be kept constantly before the people.

V. We further recommend that any church making a change in its church, clerk or pastor during the intervention of the Associational year, will inform the corresponding secretary, otherwise it will make his communication unsatisfactory.

Respectfully submitted, G. W. BAUCUM, Cor. Sec.

P. S.—The Executive Committee further recommend that the amount in the treasury not to be less than three hundred dollars, for the protection of members of the Annuity Society. G. W. B.

Report of Treasurer

B B Sturdivant, Treas. in acct. with Zion Association for the fiscal year, ending Oct. 10, 1929. Bro. Moderator and brethren I hereby submit the following as my annual report :

Oct. 18, 1928	Rec'd from Meltonsville on note	108.00
" 19 "	from finance committee, by fee	430.83
" "	from " " State and foreign mission	51.16
" "	from " " Christian Education	19.70
" "	from " " aged ministers	26.75
" "	from " " Shaw University	59.96
" "	from Women Home Missions Convention	20.00
" "	from Ministerial Annuity Society	34.50
" "	from Public collections	75.72
" "	Masonic and K P Lodges, bal. on note	29.48
" "	A L Leak, on note	21.50
" "	J W Diggs, return delegate expense	16.00
Dec. 1 "	Sandy Ridge on note	104.50
" "	Chambers Grove on note	30.00
" 30	Sandy Ridge on note	20.50
"	Union Meeting, rep. fee	25.90
"	Shaw University	6.00
"	Public collections	22.31
March 31, 1929	Sandy Ridge on note	34.00
	Union Meeting, rep. fee	28.00
	" " Shaw University	34.54
	Union Meeting, public collections	23.90
April 13, 1929	Meltonsville, on note	9.05
13, "	Meltonsville, rep. fee	13.25
May, 6 1929	Joint Meeting, Shaw University	15.00
	Elizabeth P. D., Shaw University	2.35
June 4, 1929	Ramah Grove " "	5.95
	Timmonsville " "	1.00
29, 1929	Union Meeting, rep. fee	24.50
	Union Meeting, Shaw University	6.81
"	Union Meeting, public collection	18.05
Aug. 30, 1929	from Rev J T Ratliff, money borrowed	5 00
	Total	1324.21

Disbursements—

Order	Dr J H Randolph, Foreign missons	20.00
" 1	Dr J H Moore, State missions	25.00
" 2	Mrs Lucy Thompson, Orphan Home, Gibsonville, N C	12.50
" 3	Rev G A Mial, donation, the Reformer	5.00
" 4	Rev J W Diggs, moderator. service	16,00
" 5	Bro A L Leak, Secretary, service	35.00
" 6	Rev B B Sturdivant, Treasurer, service and expenses	15.00
" 7	Bro G W Baucum, Cor. Sec., service and expenses	40.00
" 8	" " " " expense, ffnance committee	17.50
" 9	" " Expense Ex. Com. & Ordaining Board	52.50
" 10	Mrs J E P Little, balance salary of her husband	8.35

'	11	Rev J T Ratliff, expense of ordaining board and printing	16.60
'	12	' B J Parsons, donation	4.05
'	13	' B J Sturdivant '	4.05
'	14	' H D Tillman '	4.05
'	15	' D A Tillman, '	4.05
'	16	' V B R Bowman '	4.05
'	17	' J R Alsobrooks '	4.05
'	18	Deacon R B Baucum '	4.05
'	19	' J A Autry '	4.05
'	20	Bro A L Leak, expense of Com. to Meltonsville	9.00
'	21	G W Crowder, donation to Ebenezer and Sexton	7.00
'	22	Rev J F Davis for State and foreign missions	34.00
'	23	J F Davis for Shaw University	60.00
'	24	J F Davis, delegate's expenses for he & Rev Diggs	20.00
'	25	Bro J D Rivers, donation to Mt. Moriah church	5.00
'	26	G W Baucum, for printing program Workers Conference	4.96
'	27	A L Leak, extra work for Meltonsville church	6.50
'	28	W M Nivens, a loan to Elizabeth M Church	500.00
'	29	A L Leak, printing minutes $110.00; prem. on bond of Treas. 10.00;	$120 00
'	30	Rev J C Ellerbee, moderator Union Meeting	4 00
'	31	Bro A L Leak, Secretary Union Meeting	5.00
'	32	Bro Charles Gibson, Sexton	2.00
'	33	J F Redfearn, donation, McLain Grove	5.00
'	34	Rev J T Ratliff, expense to Union meeting	1.50
'	35	Rev B J Parsons, donation	6.50
'	36	Deacon A C Davis '	6.50
'	37	Rev J C Ellerbee, moderator, Union meeting	4.00
'	38	J T Ratliff, secretary " "	5.00
'	39	Bro Allen Marshall, Sexton	2.00
'	40	W C Melton, donation to Ramah Grove	5.00
'	41	Dr E E Smith, for Shaw University	75.00
'	42	Prof J N Brown, State Fire Association, Monroe, N C	1.00
'	43	Rev J C Ellerbee, moderator U. M.	6.50
'	44	Rev J T Ratliff, Sec'y ' '	5.00
'	45	Bro Horace Levester, donation to Friendship church	5.00
'	46	Bro Beaman Crowell, Sexton	2.00
'	47	Bro G W Ashcraft, donation to People Enterprise	5.00
'	48	Rev J T Ratliff, loan for 60 days	5 00
'	49	Mrs Hattie Jones, donation on account of fire	5.50
'	50	Rev J F Davis, expense to Lot Cary Convention	20.00
		Total Disbursements	$1,238.81
		Balance in Treas.	818.75

Summary Report—Running expenses, including printing, etc.		349.95
	State and foreign missions	101.46
	Donated to churches, including loans	525.00
	Given to Shaw University	135.00
	Paid to delegates expenses	40.00
	Paid premium on bond	10.00
	Paid superanuated ministers and deacons	45.40
	Paid miscellaneous donations	32.00

Assets—Cash in Treasury	$818.75
Due by Meltonsville church	316.12
' by Ebenezer church	159.72
' by Cedar Creek church	110 00
' by Sandy Ridge church	45,10
' by Chambers Grove church	49.50
' by Elizabeth M. church	500.00
Total assets	$1,999.19

B B Sturdivant, Treasurer.

Bro. Moderator—This is to certify that I, J C Cason, Auditor, have carefully audited the account of B B Sturdivant, Treasurer, and found the foregoing accounts accurate and true in every respect. This 18th day of Oct., 1929. J C Cason, Auditor of Zion Association

Ordaining Board's Report: Aug. 1st, 1929, Revs J F Davis and B B Sturdivant examined and set apart to the gospel ministry Rev L R Cox of Ellerbee Spring, N. C., a member of Parsons Grove church of Lilesville, N C

We trust that our young ministers are preparing themselves for more efficient work for which we feel more hopeful. We would advise that they do prayerful study during this interval. Rev J T Ratliff, Chairman
Rev J F Davis, Sec. of Board

Committee's Report on Missions: Whereas, missions both home and foreign, is one of the definate objects of this Association, and whereas, missions is one of the commands of Christ, and when we think of home and foreign missions, we should think of Jesus as he gave us the command, "Go ye into all the world" as a field of service; therefore be it resolved 1st, That each church belonging to this Association shall contribute freely and regularly to both home and foreign missions. 2d. That each member shall be encouraged to contribute personally to missions. 3rd. That only christians in sympathy with missions be appointed to hold office in any capacity of the church in this Association.

Seeing the need of a better trained ministry, we recommend that an Institute for the training of ministers be held at least once a year.

Respectfully submitted, your Com. L. C. Phillips, Sec.

Committee's Report on Temperance : Whereas, there is a great evil of strong drink destroying our people and causing them to commit bloody crimes; that the use of strong drinks makes it the more difficult for the doctors to handle cases of diseases. It causes poverty and ignorance wherever tolerated. Therefore we recommend that the church of God abstain from all intemperance.

We further recommend that each minister preach a sermon on temperance once each year to his people.

Who hath woes, who hath sorrows, he that tarry long with strong drinks. Respectfully your committee,

L H Diggs, Secy.

On Modrator's Address . We consider that this document was a masterly address, clean and full of wholesome advice. Therefore we recommend that it be printed in the minutes. Your Committee, Rev J T Ratliff, Sec.

On Obituary : We have examined the different church letters coming up to this Association and find that ninety-one members reported dead. In the midst of those whom have departed this life are Revs B J Parsons, who has been moderator of this Association. He was moderator of the Union Meeting and chairman of the ordaining board when stricken. Rev. V B R Bowman deserves special mentioning in this Convention. Therefore we recommend that 20 minutes of memorial services be held in honor of the veterans. Respectfully submitted,

Your committee, J H Spencer, Sec.

By order of the Association, the memorial services be held in the next Union Meeting.

On New Bodies ; The Bennett Grove (lately organized and set apart by Rev A B Moore and others) came before this committee, and after hearing their request, and upon their agreement to comply with the requirements of the Constitution of this body. We therefore recommend their admission as a member of this Association.

Very respectfully your committee, Rev J A Little, Chr,

On Place : We, your committee, recommend that the next Association be held with the Friendship Baptist church, Monroe, N. C., beginning on Wednesday before

the 3rd Lord's in Oct. 1930. Rev B F McManus to preach the introductory sermon, Rev W M Allen, alternate.

Respectfully your committee, W E Davis, Sec.

Annuity Society: The ministers and deacons met in the annual session of the Annuity Society, the president presiding. After a brief devotional service, the president declared the meeting open and in order for business,

The recommendations, one and two, authorizing the organization of the Society was read, to wit: "That there be organized a Ministerial Annuity Society, composed of the preachers and deacons of Zion Association. That the members thereof be required to pay a joining fee of $1.00, and an annual fee of $1.00 each."

Also read the following letter sent to members: "That the Society will meet at Brown Creek church on Wednesday morning Oct. 16, at 10. Each member is asked to be present at the roll call and pay your annual fee of one dollar. If you find that you cannot be present, send your fee to Rev J F Davis, Monroe, N. C., or by your delegate. Should you fail to pay, you lose the protection the Society offers."

An invitation was extended, and three new members joined, viz: J H Marsh, G W Baucum and J C Rorie.

Members of The Annuity Society

PREACHERS--	DEACONS
B B Sturdivant	A L Leak
B F McManus	W M Ingram
J T Ratliff	C C Horne
J C Ellerbee	S M Hubbard
J W Diggs	J A Bennett
J H Marsh	A D Byrd
J F Davis	O L Tanner
D V Blakney	C W Wade
B J Sturdivant	H C Robinson
W H Horne	S H Waddell
	G W Baucum
	J C Rorie
	J P Parsons
	S M Chambers
	S M Marshall

Only those whose names appear on minutes are benefitted,

Bro A. L.Leak, President
Rev J F Davis, Secretary

Number of churches reported	40
' members represented	5303
' cadidates baptized	307
Value of church property	103,850.00
Collected, representing fee	357.63
State and foreign missions	31.09
Christian education	9.25
Aged ministers	21.75
Shaw University	28.38
Received from W H M Convention	25.00
' Ministerial Annuity Society	28.00
' Public collections	42.59
Total collections	$ 533.65

There is an error in the finance committee's account to the amount of $10.04.

Union Meeting Report---

Collected, representing fee	$91.65
' for Shaw University	47.35
' Public collections	64.26
Total	$203.26

The following churches due on representation fee: Deep Creek $55.72; Elizabeth M. $2.00; Meltonsville $36.30 Parsons Grove $26.10. Net loss in membership 329.

G R West, Chair'm; G W Baucum, Sec'y, Committee

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Zion Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The primary object of this Association shall be to increase the efficiency of the churches in our bounds: to assist the churches in the erection of suitable buildings for worship; to help the weak churches in the support of an evangelical ministry; to co-operate with the general Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in doing educational and missionary work.

Art 3. This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist Churches in good standing, and in full practice of the faith, discipline, ordinance, and of the doctrine of regular Baptist denominations. Also of the regular ministers in good standing in the churches in the bounds of the Association, and messengers elected annually by the churches of this body.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, vice-moderator, recording and corresponding secretaries, treasurer, auditor and executive committee of seven; and an ordaining board. The moderator, recording secretary and treasurer shall constitute three members of the executive committee. These officers shall be elected annually, and hold their office until their successors are elected.

Art. 5. The moderator shall preside at all meetings, and enforce order in accordance with the Constitution and Baptist usages. He shall settle points of order, give casting vote in case of a tie, and appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered by the body. In the absence of the moderator, the vice-moderator shall preside with all the rights and prerogatives of the moderator,

Art. 6. The recording secretary shall perform the usual duties belonging to such office. He shall draw all orders on the treasury.

Art. 7. The corresponding secretary shall have charge of all correspondence between this Association and other bodies. All communications and appeals intended for the churches of this body shall be sent through this office. No communication will be considered valid unless signed by the moderator and attested by the corresponding secretary. He shall be ex-officio secretary to the executive committee.

Art. 8. Sec. 1. The treasurer shall hold all monies and valuable papers belonging to this Association. He shall pay orders only when drawned upon proper vouches, approved by this body, signed by the Moderator and counter-signed by the clerk of this Association. He shall be treasurer of the Union Meeting. He shall, before entering upon duty, give a bond, approved by the executive committee, to the full security of the Associational property in his hands. He shall make an annual report to the Association. Sec. 2. The auditor shall, 15 days prior to the sitting of the Association, carefully examine the books and vouchers of the treasurer containing his transaction for the current year, and his certificate to the facts in the case shall be attached to the treasurer's report. He shall keep on file in his office a copy of said report. In case of a change, he shall turn over to his successor all papers and reports in his office.

Art. 9. The executive committee shall have full charge of the working of the Association when it is not in session. They shall draw the plan of operation for the field, approved by the Association. All claims on the treasury of this body must be presented to the executive committee. They shall meet as often as called together by the moderator and corresponding secretary.

They shall make full report of their work to the Association through the corresponding secretary. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 10. The ordaining board shall have the supervision of the ecclesiastical department of the Association. They shall examine all applicants for ordinations, and pass on the credentials of all members of this body. All requests for ministerial aid from this Association must be recommended by the ordaining board

Art. 11. Any regular Baptist church may continue its membership in this Association by the payment of thirteen (13) cents per capita for each of its members to be used as follows: Five cents for general expenses; 4 cents for education, 2 cents for missions and 2 cts. for weak churches as set forth in Article 2. The money paid into the Union Meeting as representing fee shall be a part of the 13 cents. Provided any church may send a voluntary contribution to the Association or Union Meeting for any object they so desire. Said contributions shall be kept separate and distinct, and be applied only to the object designated by said church or churches. Provided further, any church failing to comply with the requirements of this Constitution will not be considered in good standing and will not be allowed to enroll until satisfaction is rendered to this body by said church.

Art. 12. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other deliberated bodies of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Association by sending their messengers to an annual meeting with letters of petition and agreeing to the declaration of principles laid down in God's word

Art. 13. The members convened in this Association shall have no ecclesiastical or disciplinary power over the churches.

Art. 14. The Association shall meet annually and be composed of not more than three messengers from each church, with a letter giving the condition of the church. Said meeting to convene on Wednesday before the 3rd Lord's day in Oct. Open with an introductory sermon, and continue in session until all business is completed. The Union Meetings shall meet on Friday before each 5th Sunday, or as often as may deem practicable. Should there fail to be a place selected for the Union meeting at the session, the executive committee shall find a location and immediately notify the field through the corresponding secretary.

Art. 15. No difficulty between church or churches shall be heard by this Association until gospel steps have been fully taken outside of this body to settle the difficulty.

Art. 16. Any church, a member of this body, that is corrupt in practice or doctrine, after gospel steps have been taken to reclaim it, and it persists in its course, shall no longer be a member of this body, and the reason in full shall be published in the minutes. Any church failing to represent by letter or messenger two consecutive years, shall be visited by suitable admonition, and if it neglects to represent the 3rd year, it shall be dropped from this Association.

Art. 17. All visiting ministers shall be welcomed to seats among us, but not allowed to vote.

Art. 18. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. Provided such amendments shall be submitted on the 1st day of the sitting of the Association and adopted on a subsequent day.

Finance Committee's Report

CHURCHES	Represent'g Fee	State & foreign missions	Christian Education	Aged ministers	Shaw University	Total	Rep. Fee	Education
Bethel								
Brown Creek	16 50	50		1 00	2 00	20 00	3 00	
Cedar Creek	11 00	50		50		12 00	1 00	
Chambers Grove	8 40			25	25	8 90	2 50	
Chilson Grove	3 30		25	50	25	4 30	2 00	
Cool Spring		25	25	25	25	1 00	1 00	
Deep Creek	10 38					10 38	4 00	
Ebenezer	5 50					5 50		
Elizabeth M	13 70	3 00	3 00	1 00	3 00	23 70	1 00	2 00
Elizabeth P D				25		25	3 00	2 35
Flat Rock	5 30	1 00		1 00	1 00	8 30	2 00	
Fletchers Grove	3 90		1 00	50	1 00	6 40		4 00
Flint Ridge	13 20	2 00		50		15 70	5 00	
Flint Ridge w	20	25		25		70	2 50	
Friendship	6 60	1 00		50		8 10	3 00	7 86
Gallilee	40		25		25	90	2 00	
Green Hill				25	25	50	2 00	83
Long Pine	6 70	50		25		7 45	1 50	
Madison Grove	7 50			1 00		8 50	3 00	3 00
Meltonsville	57 55					57 55	15 75	
McLain Grove	6 50	6 04	25	50		13 29	3 00	3 55
Mt. Zion	1 85	2 00	25	50	1 00	5 60	3 15	
Mt. Moriah	4 20					4 20		
New Zion	9 30	1 45		1 00		11 75	2 00	
New Grove	8 90	50	1 00	2 00	2 30	14 70	2 00	2 20
Nicy Grove	18 40	1 50	50	1 00	8 75	30 15	3 00	2 00
Olive Branch	1 10	50		50	50	2 60	1 00	
Poplar Hill	11 20	1 00	25	1 50		13 95		
Pleasant Hill	3 70					3 70		2 15
Parsons Grove	19 80	50		1 00	50	21 80	4 00	3 75
Poplar Spring	18 20			50		18 70	2 00	3 40
Ramah Grove	7 25					7 25	3 25	5 95
Rockford E	12 90			1 00		13 90	3 00	
Rockford W	15 20		25	50		15 95	1 00	
Rock Spring	2 50	50	1 00	50	1 00	5 50	3 00	4 95
Sandy Ridge	11 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 83	17 83	2 00	
Saron	6 00	3 14		1 00	1 00	11 14	1 00	
Shankle Grove	4 70	1 00		50	50	6 70		1 00
Timmonsville	5 90			25	25	6 40	2 00	1 50
White Oak	16 70	2 96		50	50	20 16	2 00	1 16
Bennett's Grove	4 60					6 60		

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Church expen's	Missions	Education	Charity	Total
Bethel							
Brown Creek	$ 300 00	$ 162 79	$ 42 00	$ 50	$ 12 00	$ 1 00	$ 518 29
Cedar Creek	200 00	20 00	22 00	50		50	243 00
Chambers Grove	100 00	10 00	22 10	40	25	25	133 00
Chilson Grove	250 00		17 80				267 80
Cool Spring	25 00		1 00	25	25		26 50
Deep Creek	600 00		84 76	30 00		108 02	822 78
Ebenezer	225 00	65 00	50 50	8 90			
Elizabeth M	1 000 00	1 619 96	163 81	4 00		16 40	2 804 17
Elizabeth P. D.	175 00		2 60	25	2 35	25	180 45
Flat Rock	300 00	25 00	32 30	1 00	1 00	1 00	360 30
Fletchers Grove	50 00	110 00	3 90	2 00	1 00	50	167 40
Flint Ridge	250 00		21 20			52 42	328 62
Flint Ridge W.	75 00	50 00	7 70	25		25	133 20
Friendship	400 00	65 00	44 60	1 00	7 86	50	55 15
Gallilee	20 00	20 00	14 40	25	25	25	518 96
Green Hill	150 00	20 00	32 00	25	1 08	25	203 58
Long Pine	200 00		19 52	50		25	220 27
Madison Grove	195 00		23 40	6 79	3 00	4 09	232 28
Meltonsville	300 00	211 60	74 60	25	25	50	364 05
McLain Grove	275 00	67 64	11 50	6 04	3 55	50	587 20
Mt. Zion	250 00		60 90	14 73		5 50	331 13
Mt. Moriah	50 00	40 00	4 20			5 00	99 20
New Zion	125 00	12 85	18 55	1 44		1 00	158 84
New Grove	175 00	77 16	10 90	50	4 30	1 00	268 86
Nicy Grove	280 00	27 29	96 40	1 00	11 25	21 26	437 20
Olive Branch			2 10	50	50	50	3 60
Poplar Hill	200 00	60 00	46 20	1 00		1 75	308 95
Pleasant Hill	75 00		18 70	1 00	2 00		96 70
Parsons Grove	109 46	218 39			3 75		331 60
Poplar Spring	325 00	220 20	50 33	13 00	3 40	50	613 43
Ramah Grove	300 00	15 00	15 50	50	6 45		337 45
Rockford E	300 00		36 06	3 08		1 00	340 14
Rockford W	300 00		141 20	2 62	25	50	444 57
Rock Spring	200 00		25 00	50	5 95	50	231 95
Sandy Ridge	236 42	45 10	25 00	1 00	2 83	1 00	311 35
Saron	225 00	8 70	8 15	3 14	2 00	1 00	247 99
Shankle Grove	200 00	100 00	14 70	1 00	1 20	50	317 40
Timmonsville	200 00	3 00	13 38	1 80	1 75	25	220 18
White Oak	325 30		68 70	8 46	2 16	8 50	353 12
Bennetts Grove	125 00	250 00	14 95				389 95

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	Sabbath of Preaching	Baptized	Received and Restored	Dismissed and Excluded	Died	Membership
Bethel							
Brown Creek	Rev. J. A. Little, Wadesboro, N. C.	3	7		4	3	95
Cedar Creek	Rev. J. R. Faison, Wadesboro, N. C.	1	12		2		157
Chambers Grove	Rev. J. L. Chambers, Marshville, N. C.	2	2		2	3	71
Chilson Grove	Rev. W. H. Shaw, Laurinburg, N. C.	4	7			1	53
Cool Spring	Bro. C. H. Waddell, Morven, N. C.	4					10
Deep Creek	Rev. H. I. Quick, Rockingham, N. C.	2	33	1	4	12	701
Ebenezer	Rev. J. R. Faison, Wadesboro, N. C.	3				2	55
Elizabeth M	Rev. W. H. Inman, Monroe, N. C.	evry		6	27	3	167
Elizabeth P. D.	Rev. J. F. Davis, Monroe, N. C.	2	1				26
Flat Rock	Rev. E. D. Womack, St. Paul, N. C.	3	11	4	2		73
Eletchers Grove	Rev. W. M. Pickett, Laurinburg, N. C.	1--3	6	3	6	3	69
Flint Ridge	Rev. B. B. Sturdivant, Polkton, N. C.	2	10	1	9	9	182
Flint Ridge W	Rev. L. V. Gaddy, Route. Polkton, N. C.		2			1	27
Friendship	Rev. E. H. Martin, Wadesboro, N. C.	2--4	2	14	4	1	96
Gallilee	Rev. F. C. Chavis, Route 1, Morven, N C	3		1	1		24
Green Hill	Rev. W. H. Horne, Route 1 Morven, N C	3	3	2	5	1	20
Long Pine	Rev. J. P. Sloans, Rt. 1, Wadesboro, N C	3	7				89
Madison Grove	Rev. J. F. Davis, Monroe, N. C.	4	3	3	4	2	105
Meltonsville	Rev. B. F. McManus, Cheraw, S. C.	4	27	9	14	3	753
McLain Grove	Rev. J. A. Little, Wadesboro, N. C.	1	4	2	2		95
Mt. Zion	Rev. J. R. Faison, Wadesboro, N. C.	4		1	20		50
Mt. Moriah	Rev. J. L. Chambers, Monroe, N. C.	3	12		4		42
New Zion	Rev. E. H. Martin, Wadesboro, N. C.	3	6	1	7	2	118
New Grove	Rev. W. G. Flake, Norwood, N. C.	1	2		1	3	109
Nicy Grove	Rev. E. H. Martin, Wadesboro, N. C.	1	4	4	6	3	214
Olive Branch	Rev. J. F. Davis, Monroe, N. C.	3	2			2	21
Poplar Hill	Rev. W. G. Flake, Norwood, N. C.	3	6			1	112
Pleasant Hill	Rev. R L Michael Rt. 2, Peachland,N.C.	1	6		2		37
Parsons Grove	Rev. B. F. McManus, Cheraw, S. C.	1	25	3	5	8	475
Poplar Spring	Rev. J. A. Little, Wadesboro, N. C.	2	27	3	6	2	202
Ramah Grove	Rev. J. R. Faison, Wadesboro, N. C.	2		2		3	125
Rockford W.	Rev. C. M. Marshall, Cheraw, S. C.	2	17		1	4	162
Rock Spring		3	13	1	34	8	60
Rockford E.		1	4	3	2	8	159
Sandy Ridge	Rev. B. F. McManus, Cheraw, S. C.	3	6	2	7	2	130
Saron	Rev. W. M. Allen, Wadesboro, N. C.	2	15	1	1	1	70
Shankle Grove	Rev. C. W. Marshall, Cheraw, S. C.	3	7		4		47
Timmonsville	Rev. W. H. Horne, Rt. 1 Morven, N C	1	1		8	1	72
White Oak	Rev. J. A. Little, Wadesboro, N. C.	4	3	7	1		187

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention

Brown Creek Church
Wadesboro, N. C., Oct. 17, 1929

The Women's H. & F. Missionary Convention, auxiliary to Zion Association held its 19th annual meeting with the Brown Creek Circle on Oct. 17, 1929, during the sitting of the Association. Rev J A Little, pastor.

The president, Mrs A C Robinson called the house to order at 10:30, and asked Mrs Martha Streater to lead the praise service. Mrs Streeter lined hymn No. Sister Alberta Davis led in prayer, followed by a spiritual led by sister Boulware. Then we had some remarks by the president, after which we had the calling of the roll, followed by the election of officers for 1930, which were as follows:

Pres. Mrs A C Robinson, 321 Church Ave., Monroe, N C
Vice-Pres. Mrs G W Baucum, route 3, Wadesboro, N C
Rec. Sec. Mrs A C Martin, Wadesboro, N C
Treas. Mrs M F Little, route 1, Wadesboro, N C
Cor. Sec. Mrs C C Horne, route 1, Peachland, N C
Ex. Board.--Mrs J W Diggs, Chairman, Rt 1, Pee Dee N. C.
' Lenora Chavis, Morven, N C
' Mrs Lizzie Ellis, Monroe, N C
Local Worker--Mrs Henrietta Smith.

It was moved and seconded that we represent with [$25] twenty-five dollars in the Association, $35.60 total am't of money raised. God be with you, etc., was sung, and we were dismissed to meet at Chambers Grove on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in Dec. 1929.

Mrs A C Robinson, Pres.
Mrs I S A Hilliard, Sec.

ROLL OF CIRCLES, PRES. AND SECS.

Friendship. Mrs Hattie B Watts, 508 N. John St., Monroe, N.C. Mrs Daisy Gray, 505 N. John St. Monroe, N.C.
Brown Creek--Mrs Martha Streeter, R-1, Wadesboro
Mt Zion--Mrs Irena Sturdivant, Poikton
New Grove

Saron..Mrs Gillie Hailey & Mrs Cora Hailey, Polkton N C
Elizabeth, M...Mrs A C Robinson, Miss Ida Trull
McLain Grove.
New Zion.. Mrs Daisy Thomas. Peachland, N. C.
Mrs C C Horne, Wadesboro, N. C, 14 Sikes Ave.
Nicy Grove..Mrs Mary Crowder, Wingate. N C
Elizabeth, P D
Poplar Spring..Alberta Davis, Polkton, N. C., route 2
Miss Narcissus Davis, route 2, Polkton.: N C
Deep Creek..Mrs Julia C Bennett, route 3, Wadesboro
Parsons Grove..Mrs V E Bennett, route 3, " "
Long Pine..Mrs D C Barrett, route 1, Ruby, S C
Mrs Mary J Little, route 3, Peachland "
Ebenezer W..Mrs I S A Hilliard, Wadesboro "
Mrs G W Crowder, route 1, Wadesboro "
Rockford E. Mrs A C Martin, Wadesboro. "
Gallilee C C Billingsley, Oakboro, N. C., 153 "
Mrs Gertrude Willoughby, Oakboro "
Chilson Grove Mrs. Sallie Diggs, route 1, Pee Dee "
Meltonsville..Mrs Mary Ingram, route 2, Peachland "
Mrs Jane Preston, route 2, Mt. Croghan, S C
Fletcher's Grove
Ramah Grove..Mrs Lenora Chavis, Morven, "
Mrs Florence Marshall. McFarlan "
White Oak Grove..Mrs Lula McRae. route 2, Morven "
Mrs Henrietta Smith, box 181, Morven, "
Pleasant Hill
Sandy Ridge..Mrs Lizzie McCoy, route 2, Morven "
Mrs Josephine Bivens, route 2, Morven "
Madison Grove..Mrs G W Baucum, route 3, Wadesboro "
Mrs B L Smith, route 2, Morven "
Poplar Hill .Dora Smith, route 1, box 54, Polkton "
Flat Rock .Mrs Ethel Lilly, route 3, Wadesboro
Rockford W Mrs Ida J Sullivan " "
Flint Ridge E..Mrs Lola Chavis, route 1, Marshville
Flint Ridge W
Mt. Moriah..Mrs Lessie Rivers, R. 1, Marshville, "
Mrs Lena Huntley, route 1, Marshville "
Rock Spring
Chambers Grove
Cedar Creek..Mrs Dora Gainey, route 2, Chesterfield, S C
Green Hill
Bennett's Grove

W. I. C. CIRCLES

Friendship
Parsons Grove
Ebenezer
Nicy Grove--Miss Lena Levingston
Poplar Spring
Poplar Hill
New Grove
Elizabeth P D
Mt. Zion
Elizabeth M
White Oak Grove
Rockford E
Rockford W
Ramah Grove
Rock Spring
Long Pine
Brown Creek--Crenolia Gatewood, R. 1, Wadesboro
Deep Creek--Katie Dargan, R. 3, box 147,
Meltonsville--Rena Chambers
Cedar Creek
Flint Ridge w.

SUNSHINE BANDS

Elizabeth M--Willie Ree Robinson
Parsons Grove--Janemar Diggs
New Zion
Rockyford E
Friendship M

Nicy Grove--Della Mae Barrino, Wingate
Poplar Spring
Deep Creek--Henry Rivers, Peachland
Ebenezer--Mrs Elma Ingram--Mother
Elizabeth, P D
Chilson Grove
Rocky Ford W

White Oak--Nannie J Ratliff, Mr James Smith
Poplar Hill--Mrs Mary Crowder
Brown Creek--Margie E Crowder, route 1, Wadesboro
Meltonsville
Gallilee

Sandy Ridge--Rosa Lee Waddell--Vara Little
Ramah Grove--Ruth Sturdivant--Daisy Lee Chavis
Flat Rock
Cedar Creek
Mt. Moriah
Long Pine--Mrs R A Morgan, route 3

TREASURER'S REPORT

Auxiliary to Zion Association

To the President, officers and members of the W H F mission union auxiliary of Zion Baptist Association. I beg herewith to make the following report:

Receipts Union Meetings:

Parsons Grove, Dec. 2, 1928	$60.81
Cedar Creek, Mar. 2, 1929	54.25
Poplar Hill, June 17, '	65.20
Brown Creek, Oct. 17 '	35.65
Sister Leak, of Parsons Grove, gave	.20
Disbursements---	
H F Missions	55.00
Lot Cary Convention	10.00
Delegate's expense to W H F Mission convention	5.00
Sent to Men's union, Ramah Grove	5.00
Men's State Convention, charlotte, N. C.	5.00
Programs and mailing	7.50
Service of Secretary	6.00
To sick	8.00
To Pres McGregor	2.00
To Sextons	3.00
To Pastors	33.68
Board's expenses	36.57
To Zion Association	25.00